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Students, street preachers clash

Quarrel outside Union

By Erin Caballero
Daily Staff Writer

University Police Department officers responded to an argument between two street preachers and a group of San Jose State University students Tuesday.

It started around 11 a.m. when two men walked into the area between the Market Cafe and the Student Union carrying signs, telling the students and onlookers to repent for their sins.

One of the signs read "Forgiveness Is Wonderful" and another said, "Warning: religious phonies, adulterers, child killers, fornicators, dope fiends, liars, thieves, cheats — Judgment Day is Coming Soon!"

"Jesus Christ is the truth, and I know I'm talking to a Muslim when I say it," said the 63-year-old preacher who wouldn't give his name.

The younger preacher accompanying him, Kevin Farrer, carried a "Forgiveness Is Wonderful" sign and soon became surrounded by angry students, offended both by his message and the delivery of his message.

Tension ran high and, according to unnamed sources, the preachers began to insult the Prophet Mohammed, calling him a child molester, as well as denouncing non-Christian religions as "false religions."

The conflict reached its climax when a Muslim student jumped on top of a table and began to counter the preachers with his own message of peace and unity.



Kevin White / Daily Staff

University Police Department Officer Eric Wong intervenes as a San Jose State University student, who declined to give his name, argues with Kevin Farrer, a religious activist. Farrer and another individual were ill received by a crowd that gathered in front of the Student Union on Tuesday during their demonstration.

"Are you with me?" asked the student, evoking a resounding "yeah" from the crowd.

The student, who wished to remain anonymous, said he felt hatred and intolerance of other faiths which were things that shouldn't be preached nor promoted.

"They pick on students, especially Muslims. People are just sitting here and eating when they come to disturb the peace," said the student arguing with the preachers. "If anything, we should be bring unity among all religions."

The older preacher disagreed. A retired firefighter, he is married with four children and said he became a born-again Christian when he was 25-years-old. He started preaching 25 years ago, at a time he defined as having "more room for discussion."

The preacher said 90 percent of the people he preaches to on the streets are opposed to his message, but that doesn't discourage him from spreading Christianity to the "miscellaneous heathens" he feels need salvation.

"Sin has become a part of the

fabric of our culture," said the anonymous preacher, who believes in a strict, literal interpretation of the Bible and that all other religions are deficient.

Because Jesus Christ was the only prophet to rise from the dead, the preacher believes that gives him the most merit.

Farrer, who was unavailable for comment, was almost hit in the head with a half-full cup of soda hurled in his direction. It was at this point that a couple of police officers arrived, which caused the vast majority of the crowd to dis-

perse. "It offended enough people, which is what they were hoping for," said Sgt. John Laws, who responded to the scene. "They became nervous for their safety and decided to leave."

Laws said it was a moderate conflict because it caused a disturbance but few, if any, injuries.

He said a lot of the students asked the officers to make the preachers leave, but he denied their requests because of the free speech clause of the First Amendment.

Department set to upgrade telephone directory

By Lauren Bosch
Daily Staff Writer

Finding a professor or San Jose State University faculty member will be easier for those on campus starting May 31 with the upgrades to the current online phone directory.

The general public currently has access to an SJSU faculty phone directory through the university's Web site. Through the current system, searching for members of the faculty is only pos-

sible by searching for an individual's last or complete name.

"The old system had been in place for many years and the telecom group had received many requests to update it," said Victor Van Leer, the manager of the University Computing and Telecommunications department. "We wanted to reduce the manual errors by entering the data by hand. We wanted to make it easier to use and search for people better. We also had an opportunity to have a system that maintains itself daily."

Changes that will take place will in-

clude several areas within the search options. Some changes that will take place include new search fields and improved department listings. Faculty and staff members can list their individual Web sites and supply additional contact information, Van Leer said.

Those searching will also be able to locate professors with partial e-mail addresses, first and/or last names, partial phone numbers or university departments, said Susan Kintana, office manager at the University Computing and

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Graduation preparation costly

By Joe Shreve
Daily Staff Writer

When late spring rolls around at San Jose State University, students generally are found spending their time in preparation for one thing or another, be it for finals, for summer internships or for travel. For one group of SJSU students, however, one thing stands out in particular — graduation.

Similar to high school graduations, graduation from college is a time for spending money. Caps and gowns, graduation notices, diploma frames, department banquets, graduation filing fees and other graduation paraphernalia all cost money. Depending on how much fanfare a graduating student and his or her parents want, graduation can cost a lot of money.

Jen Skebba, manager of gifts and clothing at the Spartan Bookstore, is in charge of the sales of caps and gowns and other various graduation essentials. Cap and gown packages are available for students earning their bachelor's degree for \$40. For those graduating from a master's program, the basic package costs \$70, because their outfit requires a hood.

Skebba said most students get graduation notices because they work much the same way as they do in high school, as incentives for graduation gifts.

Timothy Hegstrom, interim dean of the College of Social Sciences, said in addition to the university-wide commencement ceremony, which takes place on May 28, individual departments often hold a smaller celebration in honor of the graduates from that department. The costs of these events vary, depending on the event.

Rod Galindo, a senior majoring in kinesiology,

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Joint grant allows police to target DUIs

By Peter Clark
Daily Staff Writer

Saturday night has just become Sunday morning and the freeways of downtown San Jose begin to swell with cars full of people driving home after a night on the town.

"If you can't get a drunk driver on a night like this, you're just not trying," said Calvin Lewis, officer for the California Highway Patrol.

"On weekend nights, 2 a.m. is another commute hour, except instead of leaving work, people are leaving the bars," said Lewis' partner, Officer David Hinds.

Lewis and Hinds pull over a vehicle that made a wide right turn. Although their Breathalyzer is malfunctioning that night, they determine the driver of the vehicle is intoxicated after administering three differ-

ent field sobriety tests, despite the driver's claim that he had only two beers. As Hinds puts handcuffs securely around the suspect's wrists on the shoulder of the freeway, Lewis stares blankly into the headlights of oncoming traffic.

"Insurance can replace a stolen vehicle, but a loved one killed by a drunk driver can't be recovered," Lewis said. "That's why we love this stuff."

After a \$480,000 grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, which started a program called Project Corridor, officers in the CHP, University Police Department and San Jose Police Department will be paid overtime to specifically look for drunk drivers on certain weekend nights.

"CHP usually has four to five cars in Santa Clara County, but tonight, because of Project Corridor, there are seven," Hinds said.

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Colin Underwood / Daily Staff

Officer D.J. Sarabia, right, and Sgt. Steve Perea, both of the California Highway Patrol, were on campus Tuesday, partnering with Student Health Services to raise awareness of DUI and its consequences.

EXPLETIVE DELETED

TiVo stands out as a truly divine invention

Well, this is it — my final column. Many columnists like to use their last column to say goodbye to their friends, influential professors, or the campus in general.

Some like to write about how they are either scared or thrilled about being done.

Others will try to impart some wisdom upon you, the reader.

And still others write what they like to call "getting-out-of-town" columns, where they get to tell any student, professor or administrator what they really think of them.

I, on the other hand, am going to use this space for a free advertisement for the greatest invention of this generation, though the getting-out-of-town column is beginning to sound like a good idea these days.

Now, I am sure there have been plenty of "good" inventions during the past 10 years — advancements to the Internet, cures for diseases, blah, blah, blah.

But only one can call itself "great" — TiVo.

This is the invention that allows you to record your favorite TV shows so you can watch them anytime.

The idea of recording TV isn't new, but the idea to rip it off of videotapes and use digital means is a stroke of pure genius.

For a college student, there are only a few things better to have waiting for you when you get home after a long day of classes and work.

And, if you don't have those things waiting for you, who cares? You've got hours of your favorite shows to keep you entertained.

The real brilliance of the invention is that TiVo learns what you like and records different shows it thinks you would like.

Here is a machine that tells you what to watch.

Some may find that scary, but I just like the fact I don't have to think about what I like any more — that's TiVo's job now.

I haven't even got to the best part yet — no commercials.

Well, not totally. They are there, but TiVo comes with a 30-second skip button.

Personally, I haven't watched a commercial since I was over at buddy's house watching March Madness. I thought I was going to break something when we would sit there through the commercials.

I was talking with a friend and he put it perfectly, "If God watched TV, He'd have TiVo."

Of course He would. He's God, the Almighty, the

Creator of all things. He has no time to sit through commercials.

I figure what's good enough for my Lord is good enough for me.

TiVo has even saturated everyday life.

I'd love it if I could pause life, record great moments, or replay someone falling down in the mall over and over again in my mind.

For any loyal reader who got that last line, thank you.

And thanks to everyone who else who have made the past four years what they were.

See you in the fall.

Mark Cornejo is the Spartan Daily online editor. This is the final appearance of "Expletive Deleted."



MARK CORNEJO

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BRIAN PEREZ



The Search Continues...

SPARTA GUIDE

Sparta Guide is provided free of charge to students, faculty and staff members. The deadline for entries is noon three working days before the desired publication date. Entry forms are available in the Spartan Daily office in Dwight Bentel Hall, room 209. Entries can also be e-mailed to spartandaily@casa.sjsu.edu titled "Sparta Guide." Space restrictions may require editing of submissions. Entries are printed in the order in which they are received.

TODAY

School of Art and Design

An art exhibit featuring student galleries will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Art building. For more information, call the gallery office at 924-4330.

Peer Health Education

A blood drive will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Loma Prieta room of the Student Union. For more information, call Che Angkham at 924-6204.

Career Center

An employment table will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in front of the Career Center, American Liquid Packaging Systems, Imperva, Outback Steakhouse, Target and Vector Marketing will be hiring. For more information, call Laurie Morgan at 924-6017.

90.5 FM KSJS and Associated Students

The Lara Price Band will perform from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Student Union Amphitheater. The "Talkin' Blues" will take place from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the Hal Todd Theatre, with a free barbecue from 6 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. For more information, call 924-6262.

Catholic Campus Ministry

Daily Mass will take place at 12:10 p.m. in the Catholic Campus Ministry chapel. A candlelight worship will take place from 7 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. in the Spartan Memorial. "The Bible and You" will take place from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the and industry. For more information, call Sister Marcia Krause at 938-1610.

College of Engineering

Undergraduate engineering student advising will be available from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. in room 242 of the Engineering building. For more information, call Evelyn Contreras at 924-3851.

Socrates Cafe at SJSU

A discussion of "What makes something moral or immoral?" will take place from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Market Cafe.

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Allies

A meeting will take place from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Costanoan room. For more information, call Jason at 924-8937.

Asian American Christian Fellowship

A meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. in the Pacifica room of the Student Union.

Amateur Radio Club SJSU

A meeting will take place from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Guadalupe room of the Student Union. For more information, call Jeff Orr at (831) 601-7598.

SJSpirit

Candlelight worship will take place at 7 p.m. in the Spartan Memorial. For more information, call Chaplain Roger at 605-1687.

Student Health Center

The Student Health Center will be closed on May 18 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The health center will be closed from May 25 to May 27 for renovations, but the pharmacy will remain open. The pharmacy will be closed from June 1 to approximately August 19, but the health center will be open for summer.

THURSDAY

Jewish Student Union

"Israel Independence Day" will take place from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in front of the Spartan Complex. For more information, call David Ben-Israel at (510) 846-0143.

MEMPHIS BELLE

Searching for ideal roommates presents countless challenges

As school winds down, a chapter in my life ends. Once summer arrives, a new chapter will begin and so will the agonizing task of finding a new roommate and place to live.

Many of us have spent countless hours on the Internet looking for that perfect person on roommate Web sites. If you haven't had the pleasure of doing so, consider yourself lucky.

The reason being, these sites are not free like they advertise. Forget what they tell you, it costs money.

They lure us in by saying "free photo profile," "two-way matching," "power roommate searches" and the ability to contact potential roommates. It's a lie.

Sure, people post miniature-sized photos, view other member bios and send e-mails that express interest.

The real problem arises when trying to view a person's photo so you're not squinting to see whom you could be living with.

Also, if you plan on checking your e-mail because the roommate service has found a great match or mapping out the cross streets to the new pad, don't count on it.

Some Web sites charge a fee for these services.

For only a few dollars a day, full privileges to the site are granted.

If people forget to cancel when they're finished, the roommate search company takes the liberty to automatically renew their subscriptions.

This causes customers to suffer because they have to call their credit card companies to get the money back on their accounts. Hey, it happens.

Not to mention, when joining these sites, they request your whole life history. When is your birthday? What's your work schedule? What are your party habits? Do you smoke? Are you clean?

These are just a few of the prying questions that need to be addressed.

And the people who use smiley emoticons as their photos are just plain irritating.

We see that you're a happy person, but can you

show us anything else?

The photo I've posted of me and the San Francisco Giants shortstop isn't any better. It's all cheesy.

Up until this point I haven't had to look for roommates.

This year I got lucky and University Housing assigned me three really cool girls to live with.

No one asked about our living habits, but it ended up being an ideal living arrangement. How often does this happen?

Looking for a roommate is a gamble. Sometimes you get lucky and other times you have to live with the loss.

Along with frequenting the roommate Web site ring, I visited a room for rent in Modesto, the city I'll be living in this summer.

The homeowners, bless their hearts, wanted \$400 for a furnished room the size of a closet. There was no kitchen access and the closet, washer and dryer were around the corner of the house.

That may sound snobby, but the price was a little steep.

My next best idea seemed to be finding a roommate.

At first, this task seemed easy. Now, as I search Craigslist and classified ads, my mission has become slightly more difficult.

I'm a picky person who doesn't want to live with any narcissistic, psychopath serial killer.

Scott Peterson lived in Modesto and he probably had roommates.

Look what happened to him and his wife.

A friend jokingly said to me that Jeffrey Dahmer might have had roommates, too.

If he did, there's no question that he ate them.

As I continue to look for someone to live with, the only thing I can do is be patient and optimistic.

It also wouldn't hurt to be cautious.

After all, I don't want to be chopped liver.

Julia Weeks is the Spartan Daily photo editor. This is the final appearance of "Memphis Belle."

I'm a picky person who doesn't want to live with any narcissistic, psychopath serial killer.



JULIA WEEKS

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Student evaluations of teachers undergo changes over time

By Jean Blomo
Daily Staff Writer

Constantly increasing costs in higher education have left students searching for ways to maximize the quality of their education.

What makes or breaks a successful semester depends not only on one's own discipline, but on the instructor as well, said Sara Yates, a junior majoring in English at San Jose State University.

"Instructors can make a huge difference — they can turn a boring course into an unforgettable one," said Yates.

The Tower List, a publication created in 1967 by SJSU's oldest academic fraternity, Tau Delta Phi, attempted to allow students to "secure the best possible education" by rating all instructors on campus.

The fraternity administered universitywide evaluations every one to two years of all instructors for more than three decades.

Students were asked 10 questions about their instructors and the results were printed in small booklets available for purchase.

Today, the Student Evaluation of Teaching Effectiveness (SOTE) is administered to thousands of SJSU students at the end of every semester, but the results are anything but public.

"The SOTEs are the largest evaluation process on campus," said Steve Aquino, associate of the Institutional Studies Office.

Unlike the Tower List, Aquino said, the evaluations are considered confidential — viewed only by faculty members and the department chairs and committees that evaluate them.

The SOTE surveys play an integral part of every instructor's career, Aquino said, so the evalua-

tions should be taken seriously by students.

"SOTEs really are used to help the instructor and administration — students shouldn't think it's something unimportant," Aquino said.

According to T.M. Norton, professor emeritus of political science and past member of the Academic Senate, the current SOTEs have the Tower List to thank for their development.

In 1999, Norton wrote in a short history of the SJSU Academic Senate that, "The Tower List was the first step in including student surveys in the retention, tenure and promotion process at SJSU."

The Academic Senate had begun discussions of student surveys at a meeting in 1971, when the policy recommendation outlined that the "department's evaluation must include information gathered ... regarding the faculty member's teaching effectiveness by his students."

Although intended to both evaluate teaching effectiveness and help instructors improve their teaching

methods, Andrea Whittaker, chair of the Student Evaluation Review Board, said the evaluations "sometimes leave a bad taste in (instructors') mouths."

Whittaker said the evaluations have "high stakes" in the success of a faculty member.

"Some faculty members are overly concerned about students getting

back at them for bad grades, especially faculty (who) teach large

lecture classes," Whittaker said. "They feel the SOTEs do not help them."

The Tower List also had its fair share of controversy.

The seventh edition, published in 1977, included a detailed account of the obstacles the fraternity faced.

After "administrative harassment largely instigated" by Dr. R.P. Loomba, the introduction says, the Tower List was threatened with a libel suit after a less than stellar evaluation.

The Tower List continued until 2000, said current Tau Delta Phi member Mary Ellen Hernandez.

"The reason the Tower List was terminated was because of school-wide budget cuts," Hernandez said. "The faculty was constantly changing and we didn't want to put out an incomplete list."

Hernandez also said the size of the fraternity — 15 people — was too small to take on the publication, which was "quite an endeavor."

Online resources such as RateMyProfessor.com have replaced the Tower List, Hernandez said.

Founded in 2002 by SJSU alumnus John Swapceinski, the Web site boasts 3 million ratings of more than 500,000 higher education instructors nationwide.

Some students such as Kristina Skinner, an undeclared freshman, feel there is a need for available resources on the quality of education by instructors.

"I base my class schedule around (RateMyProfessor.com)," Skinner said. But Skinner also said the

results on the Web site could be skewed.

"If a person goes out of their way to go online to rate an (instructor), they'll probably rate them really well or really poorly," Skinner said. "The SOTEs seem more official, more reliable."

Swapceinski said he founded the site because of a bad experience with an instructor, and that information from RateMyProfessor.com "might have saved me from taking a class with a professor who graded unfairly and was downright nasty to her students."

Swapceinski said RateMyProfessor.com includes more opinion-based evaluations, and that the SOTEs were better designed for evaluating faculty performance.

The accuracy of any type of student evaluation, Aquino said, relies on the students' ability to be honest and thorough.

Kyla Gleitsman, a senior majoring in art, said the SOTEs could possibly be just as biased. "The time I spend on a SOTE depends on the teacher," Gleitsman said. "If they're average to good, I just mark the top marks. If they were bad, I take my time to fill in the written questions."

Two years ago, the SOTEs went through major changes, which Whittaker said, were long overdue. "It was appalling that the faculty were being compared to norms 10 to 11 years old," Whittaker said.

Changes were made mostly in the way the evaluations were interpreted by the department chair for instructors' retention, promotion

and tenure procedures.

Selected SOTEs are then placed in the instructors' "personnel action file," and are used, along with other methods, in the evaluation of a faculty member, according to the minutes of an Academic Senate meeting in March 2003.

Written responses were added in 1983 after the Academic Senate found "written responses are often of considerable value for both the improvement of instruction and the retention, tenure, and promotion process."

The Tower List also encouraged improvement in education by providing a resource "for faculty members who wish to see themselves as students see

them as a means of improving their teaching."

Whittaker and Aquino said they are always looking for ways to improve the administration of the evaluations and how they can be used to evaluate faculty members.

"We are now beginning to work on converting to online system," Aquino said.

With the evaluations online, Whittaker said, students could take the evaluations at any point during the semester, giving faculty members immediate feedback and time to make necessary changes.

Aquino said the Institutional Studies Office is considering offering material incentives, such as SJSU Gold Points to participants in the on-

line surveys. Gold Points act like gift certificates for Spartan Shops.

Even though the evaluations might eventually be administered online, Aquino said the results would still remain unavailable to students.

"Some institutions share student surveys with the students, but SJSU considers them personal," Aquino said.

Swapceinski said, "It is unfortunate (SJSU does) not give students access to the data that is collected (by the SOTEs) each semester."

How then, as the Tower List attempted to do, can students choose the best instructors for their education?

The only feedback available to students other than rumors are Web sites such as RateMyProfessor.com, which, Swapceinski said, "is based on a limited response rate."

"It would take an organized effort to discuss making (the SOTEs) public," Aquino said. "Interest must come from students."

"You will have a faculty revolt," Whittaker said about the possibility of public access to the SOTEs.

Whittaker said the SOTEs were not designed as evaluations for student use. "Every assessment tool has its purpose — to use it for something other than its original purpose would mean the results are not necessarily relevant — the form would have to be different (for student use)," Whittaker said.

Access for students to a consistently accurate and fair evaluation of instructors at SJSU remains unfulfilled.

"The more information you have, the better you have control over your education," Aquino said.

Yates said, "I rely on recommendations and word of mouth to figure out which classes and instructors to take."

"The SOTEs are the largest evaluation process on campus."

Steve Aquino, administrator

Students encouraged to apply for graduation as early as possible

By Ashley Johnson
Daily Staff Writer

The month of May has special significance for San Jose State University students, especially for those graduating.

SJSU students will not only celebrate the end of another semester's hard work but also the end of their college careers.

Although the deadline for submitting applications for the May graduation has passed, that doesn't mean students can't start preparing for the next graduation.

"We encourage them (to apply) one year in advance so that they know their last semester exactly what courses they want to register for to complete all of their requirements," said Terri Eden, manager of registrar services.

The deadline for submitting applications for the August and December graduations is March 1, and the deadline for May graduations is July 1.

Applications will still be accepted up to one month prior to the date of graduation. Students who submit their applications after that time will be scheduled for the next available graduation date.

When students procrastinate in submitting their applications, problems arise not only for students, but staff members as well.

Limited staff members have a number of functions to perform, not just processing graduation applications.

"We want to be able to service all of our clients and customers," Eden said.

Receiving the applications at the last minute and trying to ex-

pedite them amid other priorities only compounds the difficulties for staff members, she said.

There are a number of reasons students submit their applications late. One reason is because it's human nature to procrastinate, Eden said.

"I'm one, just like everybody else," she said. "I'm sure as students go on, they've got a thousand things to do — they've got midterms; they've got finals; they've got all this stuff going."

The Admission and Records Office is trying to remedy this by utilizing the new e-mail and messaging features on the MySJSU Web site.

"Hopefully, once we start using that, we can alert people," said Bruce Kravitz, director of undergraduate student services in

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An Invitation to All SJSU Students

from
Interim President Don Kassing
A.S. President Rachel Greathouse
and
A.S. President Elect Alberto Gutierrez

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Students, faculty members coordinate celebration

By Shannon Barry
Daily Staff Writer

Students and faculty members will have more to celebrate 6 p.m. Thursday than just the beginning of the weekend. The San Jose State University department of hospitality management and its Industry Advisory Board are hosting the 14th annual International Hospitality Celebration at the Rotary Summit Center, located on Fourth and San Fernando streets.

Tickets are on sale for \$65 per person, or two tickets at \$50 apiece.

Mandi Tomasello, co-director of the celebration, said that this year, there will be a live band along with 35 vendors providing different appetizers, entrees, desserts, wine, beer and nonalcoholic drinks.

"It is definitely for people who like to communicate and like people," said Karina Nacimiento, media relations coordinator of the celebration. "There is always something going on and you have to talk to a lot of people."

Nacimiento added that this is her first year working on the event, but it has been a worthwhile experience.

"It has been a very good experience and I am looking forward to the night," she said. "I want to see how everything turns out because I have been working hard."

Tomasello said 500 people attended the event last year, but event coordinators have had a lot of luck getting in touch with local media this year, including radio spots. Tomasello said as of Friday she expected 400 people to attend, but added that she expects ticket sales to increase.

While it is a good experience for students to get involved with professionals in their industry, Kate

Sullivan, associate professor of hospitality management, said administrators from the university will attend, including interim President Don Kassing and interim Provost Carmen Sigler.

"There is a huge silent auction with items such as a trip to Mazatlan, hotel and resort hotel stays, high-end dining restaurant experiences, art work and spa certificates," Sullivan said.

The event is put together by students from Sullivan's Conference, Convention and Event Planning class who have to volunteer as a part of their class grade.

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Karina Nacimiento, media relations coordinator

"It is a way of introducing you to event management," Sullivan said. "Then you can choose to use it as your internship for two units or as an independent study project."

She added that this year, there are 20 people on the committee, including two directors, Tomasello and Tracy Nakagawa.

"It is a learning experience for the students in the sense we have to learn how to work as a group in all the different legal aspects," Tomasello said.

Nacimiento said when she sees the event Thursday, it is all going to pay off. But, she said, the experience has been stressful, as dealing with other people can be tough.

With the students working diligently to put this event on, they have managed to have many participants including Hawgs Seafood Bar, Tandoori Oven, Doubletree Hotel, Spencers Steak and Chops, Teske's Germania and Peet's Coffee.

Many of these are returning companies, but from an event that started as an advisory board with 10 booths, Tomasello said she is glad it has grown from its beginning 14 years ago.

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Six bodies found at California ranch

GARNER VALLEY (AP)

— An investigator for the district attorney's office was found dead Tuesday in his sprawling ranch home along with five other people, including three children, who were all shot to death in their beds in the middle of the night, authorities said.

Sheriff Bob Doyle said detectives have not reached any conclusions about the slayings, but they had not ruled out a murder-suicide. The sheriff said there was no evidence of a break-in or struggle in any of the rooms, and he added that the "community is in no danger."

"We are not at this time looking for a suspect," he said.

David McGowan, 44, was found dead of a gunshot wound to the head close to the entrance of the

home, Doyle said at a news conference. A handgun and a phone, which may have been used to call 911, were found near his body.

A 14-year-old boy, two girls — ages 8 and 10 — and two adult women were found in beds throughout the house, all of them shot in the head. Names of the victims were withheld pending positive identification, Doyle said.

"The beds were undisturbed. The house itself was undisturbed. It did not appear that the house had been ransacked," Doyle said.

The sheriff said someone called 911 from the house at 4:33 a.m. A 911 dispatcher didn't hear any voices on the line, but was able to identify the sounds of the telephone hitting the wall and a gunshot, Doyle said.

"It was pretty much no one on

the other end of the phone. There was some noise that was heard by dispatch," he said.

The remote, mountainous area about 100 miles southeast of Los Angeles is well-known for its horse ranches, nestled among rolling meadows and tall pines.

McGowan was a five-year veteran of the Riverside County district attorney's office and previously worked as a detective with the Cathedral City Police Department.

Public records show David and Karen McGowan bought the 4.5-acre property and 3,331-square-foot ranch house for \$425,000 in 2000.

Neighbors said they were shocked by the scene unfolding nearby.

"It's just really quiet here," said David Merriman, whose parents live about a mile from the McGowans.

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Telecommunications department.

"That is really missing in the current directory," Kintana said. "Someone can look under university computing and it would just be a list of everyone in the department."

The changes have been done through a group of departments on campus that worked together to bring these updates to the system.

"We did face a lot of technical challenges and had a lot of cooperation from the human resources department, the Common Management System team and the UCAT team," Van Leer said. "(We did this) to bring all of the information together and do the testing and implementation possible."

The new system was tested by more than 100 students, faculty and staff members and has had an overall good report back to the UCAT department, Van Leer said. The university has demonstrated it to these individuals, to determine if the information is clear and easy to find.

The only challenge thus far, Van Leer said, is the department administrators must learn a new process for making updates to the system. There are extra features that they didn't have before, something some of them have mentioned as a concern. The learning process however, has informed others that there is a directory available to the public.

"Some students said they didn't know there was a directory out

there," Van Leer said. "They said that it would have helped them get the information they needed for professors on campus had they known it earlier."

The changes will not take place until the current semester ends, as the UCAT department doesn't want to bring any confusion at the end of the semester.

"It's a timing thing," said Don Baker, interim associate vice president of the University Computing and Telecommunications department. "When you get toward the end of the semester, people at the university don't like change so we're saying 'OK' and we'll wait until the end of the semester to allow people to get used to it before the start of the next semester."

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SJSU steps up recycling

Energy conservation a priority on campus

By Erin Caballero
Daily Staff Writer

With more than 30,000 students, staff and faculty members, San Jose State University creates an enormous amount of waste. According to the State Agency Waste Management Annual Report for 2002-04, SJSU generated 201,213 tons of trash between 2002 and 2004. While at least half of it was diverted to recycling, that still leaves approximately 100,606 tons of nonrecycled waste.

SJSU is beefing up its efforts to recycle, reduce and reuse with "Think Green and Clean," a campuswide program meant to reduce the amount of resources used and conserve energy. From the "Stay Off The Lawn!" signs to the myriads of navy blue recycling containers in the classrooms and on campus, SJSU is committed to keeping the campus green.

"It's a very good program," said SJSU interim President Don Kassing, who called the campus recycling and waste-reduction program "one of the most progressive in the CSU system."

According to the SJSU's Facilities Development Office and Operations Web site, "Think Green and Clean" owes its success to the use of campus beautification, litter reduction, "Stay Off The Grass" lawn signs, energy conservation, the use of recycled water, waste reduction and recycling, alternative transportation and "clean air vehicles." All of the campus buildings are kept at a constant temperature range of 68 to 78 degrees, the Web site says. To conserve more energy and keep



Brian Connelly / Daily Staff

Three recycling bins in the back of the Facilities Development and Operations building are used to store the school's cardboard, metals, plastics and organic waste the university no longer needs. The 30-cubic-yard containers are picked up every month so the discarded materials can be turned into things such as fertilizers and new garbage cans.

utility costs down, CSU Executive Order 785 requires that all CSU campuses reduce energy consumption by another 15 percent. It means that no electric fans or heaters are allowed in any campus building, including the residence halls and Campus Village, unless an occupant has a documented medical condition requiring one.

It goes on to further state that all electrical appliances, such as coffee pots and microwaves must be in designated kitchen areas.

Bruce Olszewski, an environmental studies lecturer and director of the Center of Development of Recycling, believes there is still much room for improvement.

"One of the problems is the funding — the university has received significant economic benefits from reducing its waste," he said.

By further embracing recycling,

such as placing more bins throughout SJSU classrooms, Olszewski argues that SJSU could reap even more benefits both environmentally and financially.

In addition to teaching environmental courses and being the Center Development of Recycling's director, Olszewski also heads the Santa Clara County Recycling Hotline. Whether it's a construction site that has questions about hazardous material or just an individual wondering whether he can recycle a pizza box, the hotline is toll-free and can handle anything. Well, almost, as Olszewski found out. According to Olszewski, people try to recycle the strangest of things.

"We had a guy call about his dead horse," said Olszewski, who referred him to an animal group that properly disposed of the deceased horse.

GRADUATION - Application form includes \$25 fee

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said his department is planning a \$35-per-guest dinner party the night before the university-wide commencement ceremony. He said he is trying to save as much money as he can during graduation.

"I didn't get the announcements professionally made. I just bought invitations — the blank cards with the tower on them," Galindo said.

Galindo also said he had had his graduation photo taken at the bookstore as well, which he said cost him nearly \$80.

The university-wide graduation ceremony is held at the Spartan Stadium. Because many people can be seated in the stadium, there is no charge for attending the ceremony.

The filing cost for graduation is \$25 with the submission of the

graduation request form, which normally should be taken care of several months prior to the graduation date.

"The process and the paperwork was more of a nightmare than the money," Galindo said. "I didn't get my paperwork back until early April, so I wasn't sure if I would be officially graduating. That was more stressful than the financial part."

DUI - Officers look for motorists making mistakes

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Coupled with increased police enforcement, Project Corridor also has an educational component to prevent people from drinking and driving, said Dana Hughes, the prevention education program coordinator at San Jose State University.

"People need to know about this because it's not that we want to arrest people, we want them not to drink and drive," Hughes said.

To educate students on the legal consequences of drunk driving, the prevention education program will host a mock Driving Under Influence trial on campus, which will consist of a real case, a real defendant and a real sentence. Everything will be real but instead of being held in a courtroom, the case will be held on campus, giving students a firsthand view of the proceedings, Hughes said.

Costs for a DUI conviction include fines and penalties of more than \$1,000, mandatory alcohol education classes totaling approximately \$375, attorneys with an average price tag of \$2,500 and an automobile insurance premium increase of \$2,200 a year for three years.

"I think people don't quite understand that a DUI could come out to something that is between \$10,000 and \$11,000," Hughes said.

This does not stop some students from continuing to drive after they have been drinking.

A 2002 SJSU student survey conducted by the preventive education program found that 20

percent of students reported they occasionally drive under the influence of alcohol, Hughes said.

"SJSU is a commuter school," Hughes said. "So, since some students don't live near the school they may be going to parties around here, drinking, then driving home."

Officers patrolling for DUI's have specific criteria they look for in motorists, Lewis said. Some of the most common mistakes drunk drivers commit behind the wheel are making turns with a wide radius, driving too fast or too slow, following other cars too closely and swerving.

"It's natural to swerve every once in a while," Hinds said. "But

determines the blood alcohol content of an individual. The suspect blows into the device, which looks like an asthma inhaler, and a digitized number appears on the side of the Breathalyzer — this is the person's blood alcohol content. It is illegal to drive with a blood alcohol content of .08 percent or more in California if one is 21 years or older. If under 21, it is illegal to have a blood alcohol level more than .01 percent.

If a suspect has a blood alcohol content of .08 percent, or is too drunk to be driving in the officer's opinion, the suspect will be arrested for allegedly driving under the influence and taken to the Alcohol Intoxication Bureau, where physical evidence, such as blood or urine samples, will be taken, deposited, held and sent to the crime lab for analysis the following day.

The San Jose Alcohol Intoxication Bureau is a non-descript building with 12 stationary stools and two bathroom stalls inside.

"On a hot summer night you can't find a seat in this place," Hinds said.

From the bureau the suspect is driven to jail, where fingerprints and mug shots are taken and a court date is set. The defendant is then held in a cell, or "drunk tank," for at least five hours or until sober, after which he or she is released.

A DUI is a misdemeanor, but if convicted and unable to pay the fines, jail time may be imposed by a court.

The DMV will suspend the convict's license for 30 days and the court will usually suspend the defendant's license for an average of four months, depending on if the suspect was cooperative with the police.

In Santa Clara County, if a suspect refuses to take sobriety tests and is convicted by the court of a DUI, the defendant will lose his or her license for one year.

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**Dana Hughes,
coordinator**

what we look for are people who overly correct themselves after they swerve."

After pulling over a suspected drunk driver, the officer will administer various field sobriety tests he or she can use to gauge the level of intoxication of the suspect.

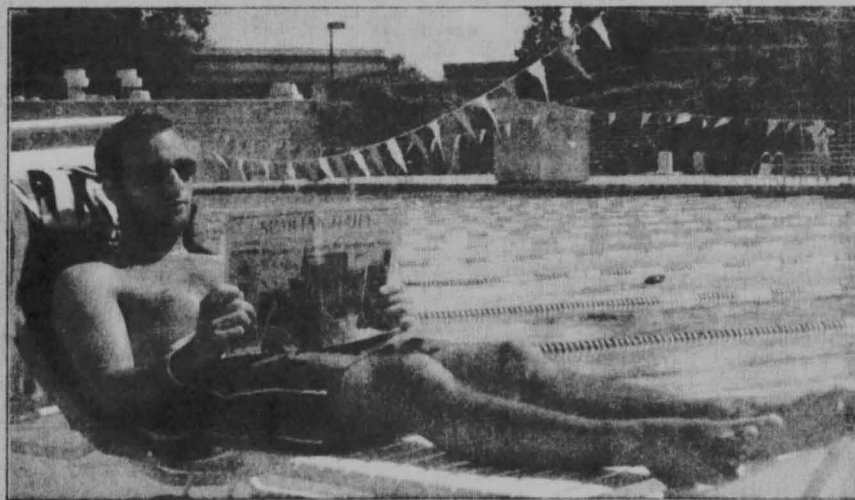
Field sobriety tests include testing balance by asking the suspect to stand on one leg, close his or her eyes and count slowly out loud. Nystagmus, which occurs in the eyes after drinking alcohol and makes them appear glassy and lack the ability to smoothly pursue an object, is tested by having the suspect follow the officer's moving finger with his or her eyes.

The suspect must tap his or her fingers against his or her thumb at an increasingly faster speed, counting one through four after each tap is completed tests manual dexterity.

The final test for a drunk driver is the use of a Breathalyzer, which

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the College of Business.

Students can obtain applications from admissions and records, their department or online.

After completing and signing the one-page application, a student can proceed to the corresponding department to retrieve a "major" form where all course work related to his or her major is listed.

For students completing double majors, minors, double minors or triple minors, they need to go to each department to obtain that form.

They attach the major form signed by the department chairperson to the application, which is then sent via intercampus mail to the Admissions and Records Office, Eden said.

Admissions will look for repeated courses, completion of course requirements, including general education and university requirements, and GPA.

University requirements consist of the physical education course and 40 units of upper-division general education.

The graduation application process for the College of Engineering differs in that before the application is sent to admissions, it is forwarded to the dean of the college so that it can be recorded.

The major form for the College of Business is different from other departments and colleges. The major form lists the classes within a particular concentration so students only have to fill in their grades and the unit values of the classes.

About 85 percent of business students meet the application deadline, 60 percent of whom submit their applications one or two days prior, said Kravitz, director of undergraduate student services in the College of

Business.

"I don't know that the university does a great job in terms of alerting students to graduation," Kravitz said.

Some students feel the same way about the process or say they are unaware of what lies ahead.

"I remember feeling in the dark about a lot but I had to keep asking questions and asking questions and I finally figured it out," said Sarah Harkrader, a graduate student in the department of English and comparative literature.

Students should first understand that there is a process for graduation and know where to start, Kravitz said.

"I know you need to look in the college catalog for what you need to graduate, what courses you need," said Andrew Phan, a sophomore majoring in psychology.

The advisers don't always have immediate access to prior course information for transfer students, which makes the process more difficult, Kravitz said.

The process takes about six to eight weeks to complete and about 85 percent of students meet the deadline.

Once the process has started, the whole day consists of checking the applications, Kravitz said. During the process, students need to understand that all course work must be done before they graduate.

"Students think that they can have one or two courses outstanding and then still graduate," Eden said. "I don't know where that folklore came from but it's definitely not true."

Students must have all requirements completed before graduation, including classes where they received incompletes. If they do not complete all requirements, they have to complete a graduation date change form and pay a \$10 fee.

Redevelopment Agency, students consulted on Campus Village look

By Angela Forte
Daily Staff Writer

The Campus Village apartments at San Jose State University stand apart from the designs of other downtown apartment buildings.

Ed Palmer, architect for Niles Bolton Associates, said the Campus Village apartments were not specifically designed to complement any other building projects in downtown San Jose, but to provide a new look and residential character for University Housing at SJSU.

Palmer said the San Jose Redevelopment Agency participated in early programming work sessions and gave advice, which was incorporated into the Campus Village project.

For example, Palmer said, individual unit entrances for the buildings were developed from the ideas discussed with the agency in the early work sessions.

Susan Hansen, director of University Housing Services at SJSU, said housing services wanted the new buildings of Campus Village to be attractive, but also have an urban feel.

Palmer said the design of the Campus Village buildings was not intended to emulate other campus buildings, but was designed to capture the character and feel of the older campus buildings.

"We did this through the use of sloped roofs, arched windows, cornice and fascia detailing and red brick on the lower portions of the buildings," Palmer said.

Hansen said Campus Village is not trying to compete with the

downtown area in the strictest sense because it is hard to compare what on-campus housing offers to a downtown situation.

With on-campus housing, Hansen said, students will get utilities, Internet service, basic cable and local phone service included in their rent.

"We also work with students on payment plans when they have financial challenges, unlike landlords off campus," Hansen said.

"When we created the original request for proposals for an archi-

turements," Palmer said.

Hansen said students, organized in 10 focus groups, helped give direction to the project.

"In essence, the students designed the layouts for the freshmen suites and the upper-division apartments," Hansen said. "Students also picked out all of the furniture — style and fabrics — and had input on everything from recreational areas to carpet colors."

Hansen said all decisions concerning finances were approved by a Campus Village management team.

Palmer said the design process for the buildings began in January 2001.

"This process established the project image and character which continued until the completion of construction drawings in September 2002," Palmer said.

Palmer said revisions and changes to reflect new input and technology were incorporated during the construction period.

Diana Tran, community relations coordinator for Campus Village, said construction of the buildings began in December 2002.

The designs include three dif-

ferent buildings, Tran said, which are The Suites, The Apartments and The Faculty, Staff and Guest Apartments.

Tran said the Suite-style building — seven stories high and able to house more than 550 students — was designed for freshmen.

Hansen said students from the focus groups were adamant that freshmen have roommates to meet as many people as possible during their first year.

"This resulted in the Suites building being all doubles with eight students living in one suite," Hansen said. "The Suites also have a specially programmed lounge in each floor of the building for recreations, socializing and studying."

Hansen said students requested that bathrooms be divided into sections and that bedrooms be larger.

"We took some of the space that we would have put in the living rooms and re-distributed it to the bedrooms and bathroom scheme," Hansen said. "We also added studios, based on student requests."

The Apartments, Tran said, is a high-rise building intended to house more than 1,400 sophomore, junior, senior and graduate students.

Tran said the Faculty, Staff and Guest Apartments boasts 98 living units and was designed for the faculty, staff and guests of SJSU.

"The Suites were completed and turned over to the university in April," Tran said. "The Apartments are expected to be completed in July and the Faculty, Staff and Guest Apartments should be finished by the first of August."

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ABOVE: Balian (Orlando Bloom, left) leads his knights into battle.
RIGHT: Orlando Bloom and director Ridley Scott confer on the set of "Kingdom of Heaven."

'Kingdom' fails to rule

By Ashley Johnson
Daily Staff Writer

Director Ridley Scott takes a slice out of history with "Kingdom of Heaven" and attempts to mold it into greatness like his previous notable achievements.

Scott is most well-known for "Thelma and Louise," "Black Hawk Down" and "G.I. Jane."

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He has directed some epic movies like "1492: Conquest of Paradise" and "Gladiator," but with "Kingdom" Scott seems to have forgotten how to mix entertainment with historical analysis.

The characters in the movie are not developed well, so the audience is left wondering who they are and what makes them tick.

The movie is about two hours long, which is too short for the material presented.

"Kingdom" takes place in 1184. Balian (Orlando Bloom) is a French blacksmith who

is taken on a journey to the Holy Land by his father Godfrey (Liam Neeson).

After his father dies, Balian plods forward but must first survive the journey, including a shipwreck and trekking alone through a desert with no water.

After reaching his final destination, Balian must fight to defend the city of Jerusalem from the Muslim army.

The characters play such an integral part in the film that it's a shame the audience doesn't get to know them intimately like in "Gladiator" or "Hannibal," which Scott also directed.

Godfrey, a knight, is a very powerful and influential man, but we never learn why or how he came to his acquire his power.

Prior to his passing, he schools Balian in sword fighting. Balian can hardly pick up the sword, much less swing it, and it doesn't help that he injured his hand while contemplating joining his father on the journey.

"I once fought two days with an arrow through my testicle," Godfrey proclaims to



Balian when the other members in the party balk at the fighting lessons.

This is an ironic statement because Godfrey dies after he is penetrated with an arrow.

The scenery and music make up for the deficiencies in plot and character definition. The movie was filmed in Morocco and the cinematography is stunning. The battle scenes complement the scenery.

The first attack on the city of Jerusalem by the Muslims is so intense that it will leave viewers on the edge of their seats.

For those members of the audience who do not like blood and gore, this movie will not make the cut because in all the battle scenes they fly through the air like water.

However, this does not detract from the movie. Rather, it's most likely central to the nature of the plot because the crusades were a dark period in time.

Lives 'Crash' together

By Ashley Little
Daily Staff Writer

People walk around day after day in complete darkness never interrupted by all the strange faces around them, until one fateful day when they all collide. Our

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worlds crash together bringing out all our unneeded fears and insecurities. The film "Crash," directed and written by Paul Haggis, is a brilliant movie about how people live in a distorted illusion of how life is versus how it should be.

Set in Los Angeles, after the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, the movie follows the intertwined lives of a number of people from different ethnicities and backgrounds in a seedy neighborhood.

These lives become tangled together through a domino effect that occurs during 36 hours involving a car crash with a Korean woman and two police detectives. From this moment in time, the lives of many people all intersect.

There is a Caucasian housewife with her Caucasian, attorney husband, a Persian store owner with his wife and daughter, two police detectives, both of different nationalities, an African American television show director and his wife, two African American young car hijackers, two rookie cops and an elderly Korean couple.

The vibrant cast includes Sandra Bullock, Brendan Fraser, Don Cheadle, Matt Dillon, Chris 'Ludacris' Bridges, Ryan Phillippe and more, all of whom deliver a flawless performance that will leave the viewers astonished.

All of these characters are complete strangers, but with one simple act they become connected. Haggis created a dramatic and accurate portrayal of gender and race issues in society.

In one scene, Jean Cabot, played by Bullock, is walking down the street with her husband, Rick Cabot, played by Fraser, when she sees two African American men walking down in front of them. She tightly wraps her arm around her husband and her body language speaks for itself. She comes to the pre judgment that these two men must be criminals because they are walking in a white neighborhood. They turn out to be hijackers, just like stereotypes often say.

The racial conflicts and bigotry that are present in the film will make people cringe at the fact that this does exist.

Every day people's eyes are windows to the diversity that surrounds them, yet the fear that has been instilled into them takes over and creates sheltered lives.

All of the characters experience different things in life, but they are average people. Some stereotypes shown in the film are a Mexican American locksmith who no one trusts, young African American men that turn out to be criminals and a Korean woman who cannot drive. These characters reinforce the fact that ignorance and racism will always be present until people are educated and talk about discrimination in the world.

This movie will make the audience question all of their own decisions in life.

People need to come face-to-face with these issues instead of walking around in life with blinders on, and this movie provides the chance to do so. "Crash" can be seen in theaters now.

'Palindromes' difficult to understand

By Joe Shreve
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When you go to see an independent movie, you have to be prepared to see certain artistic film quirks. But these quirks that a director may place in his or her films

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should not greatly affect the overall quality of the picture.

"Palindromes," a film written and directed by Todd Solondz that is an ostensible look at the sides of the cultural reactions toward abortion in America, uses so many unnecessary quirks that it really takes away from the quality of the film and ends up only serving to confuse the viewer.

The entire film is about a 13-year-old girl named Aviva, who wants to become a mother so badly that she becomes pregnant. When her parents find out, her mother Joyce (Ellen Barkin) and father Steve (Richard Masur) want her to get an abortion, but she wants to keep the baby. Aviva eventually relents and gets the abortion, but then immediately runs away from home, determined to get pregnant again.

Aviva eventually finds herself living at the home of Mama Sunshine (Debra Monk), a mother figure for a family of adopted children with disabilities. It seems like a peaceful paradise — Mama Sunshine loves the kids and they love her and the kids have a Christian rock band and live with each other's handicaps. Eventually, Aviva becomes involved in a plot with Mama Sunshine, her husband Bo (Walter Bobbie), Dr. Dan (Richard Riehle) and neighbor Earl (Stephen Adly Guirgis) to assassinate an abortion doctor.

There are two major problems with "Palindromes." First, the film is made in such a way that the viewer can easily reach the conclusion that director Solondz tries entirely too hard to make "Palindromes" appear artsy. The other major problem is that Solondz uses no less than eight people for the role of Aviva, and midway through the film, he has Aviva going by the

alias of "Henrietta." This goes a long way to make the viewer miss the message to the movie — if there is one — because instead of paying attention to the movie, the viewer has to constantly decipher the next person playing Aviva, and on top of that, realize that Henrietta is actually Aviva.

The film has been split into sections for each different scenario for Aviva. The transitions between the sections are often sketchy to nonexistent.

The quality of the actors is quite good, and proves to be one of the

film's few saving graces.

"Palindromes" tackles a very sensitive and serious subject in abortion. It has potential to be a great movie, but a film confronting such an issue should be done by someone who concentrates more on the film's content rather than appearing to be artsy.

"Palindromes" had a lot of potential, but it falls fairly hard because Solondz threw in so many directorial gimmicks that really did not need to be there.

If you miss this movie, you're really not missing that much.

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